

Affordable Care Act Deadline Extended: Sign up by December 19 for January 1 coverage

DOVER, DE — Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart wants you to know that if you want your healthcare coverage to begin on January 1, the deadline for signing up through the Health Insurance Marketplace has been extended until Monday, December 19.

Here's the release from Healthcare.gov:

Because of extraordinary demand at HealthCare.gov and our Marketplace Call Center, we're extending the deadline to sign up for January 1 coverage until 11:59 p.m. PST on December 19.

Hundreds of thousands have already selected plans over the last few days, and nearly a million of you have left contact information to hold your place in line. We want to make sure all of you have access to affordable coverage. These additional days will give you a chance to come back and complete your enrollment for coverage starting January 1.

IMPORTANT: If you enroll in a health insurance plan through HealthCare.gov or the Marketplace Call Center by 11:59 p.m. December 19th Pacific Standard Time, your coverage will start January 1, 2017. If you provided your contact information at our call center, we'll call you when we're ready for you to come back and finish enrolling.

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